

Interviews

Agenda Item #	4
Meeting Date	June 14, 2004
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Discussion Item	Free Burma Committee - Raju Charles
Background	<p>In October 1996, the City Council adopted Ordinance #1996-33 which established a policy for the City (1) prohibiting contracts for personal services with those who do business in or with Burma and (2) prohibiting the purchase of commodities produced in Burma or provided by those who do business in or with Burma. The Ordinance also established the Takoma Park Free Burma Committee to oversee the implementation of and adherence to the Ordinance. The Ordinance has been suspended due to the Supreme Court decision. However, the Free Burma Committee continues to function in an advisory capacity to the City Council.</p> <p>The Free Burma Committee is defined as having 7 members, whose two-year terms are staggered. At least one Committee member should be of Burmese origin. Terms begin on April 1 and end on March 31. Currently, there are three members whose terms expired on March 31. Of these, Susanne Lowen and Raju Charles have expressed interest in reappointment. In addition, there are three vacancies, and one member (Joan Hall) whose term will expire in 2005.</p> <p>Vacancies have been advertised in the City Newsletter.</p>
Policy	Council conducts interviews prior to appointments/reappointments to statutory committees.
Fiscal Impact	None.
Attachments	Committee roster Expression of interest
Recommendation	Interview and consider applicant for appointment.
Special Consideration	